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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member knows that newspaper articles cannot form the subject-matter of questions."

Allotment and expenditure on account of minor irrigation works in the Salem district since 1930–31.

* 359 *Q*.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount spent on minor irrigation works in the Salem district in each year from 1930–31 has been; and

(*b*) whether the allotments were utilized in full in each year, or whether amounts have been left unexpended; if so, how much in each year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following statement gives the information required in respect of minor irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department:—

Year.	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1930–31	91,571	90,992	579
1931–32	61,332	61,315	17
1932–33	54,345	53,927	418

As regards minor irrigation works in charge of the Public Works Department, information has been called for.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" May I know what the reasons are for the reduction of allotment year after year? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" It is one effect of the reduction in Government revenues."

Land Revenue Administration

Damage by floods in South Kanara.

* 360 *Q*.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report regarding flood damage in South Kanara; and

(*b*) what relief they propose to give in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 235. The Government have received no report of damage caused by floods in South Kanara since the date of their reply.

Arrears of land revenue in South Kanara.

* 361 *Q*.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the arrears of land revenue at the end of the last fasli in South Kanara; and

(*b*) the number of lands notified for sale and the number actually sold by the Government last year and this year for the recovery of arrears?